Wednesday 1st December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can not believe that December is here already and the whole school is looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season. It is the perfect time to introduce the children to the value of **Community**. We are so lucky at Stillness Infant School to enjoy the warmth that our local community brings. We are proud that we often get comments from visitors on our 'village' feel. We are delighted to be supporting Voluntary Services Lewisham Christmas Appeal, so please do keep donating those Christmas treats. WE will also be raising money for the NSPCC with our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December and much needed funding for the school at the Winterfest. Look out for our Operation Elf appeal– helping families in our community.

The children will be learning about how we are a community through a special assembly and by taking part in all the wonderful things that bring us together at this time of the year. We will share a Christmas Dinner, watch a pantomime, take part in Christmas shows and enjoy a class party. It really will be 'the most wonderful time of the year'!

Bringing up young children is a wonderful but challenging task. Being part of a community is undoubtedly a good thing for a parent. Sharing the joys and woes of having young children, offering each other support and creating memories together is enriching and comforting. Vital support and advice can be swapped over coffee along with a huge helping of humour! Being part of a community means there is always someone to call on for practical and emotional support.

Encourage your child to be a good member of the community with the Acts of Kindness calendar linked below:

https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/the-snowman-and-snowdog-kindness-calendar

You can run it alongside your advent calendars to spread the Christmas cheer!

Warm regards,

The Stillness Staff